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**CIL OPPOSES EN-
FORCEMENT OF LAW.**
One of the most unusual proceed-
ings ever heard of was the action
in city council on Monday night in
down a motion to enforce one
city ordinance. It is "funny"
that a councilman should
make a motion in order to
enforce an ordinance. The of-
ficials of the city are paid a salary to
do so they should be brought
the carpet and given a chance
to explain. We never heard of pub-
licans voting against the enforce-
ment of their own ordinance before.
Why don't they repeal it?
Looking into the matter, we find
the ordinance referred to is one
requiring the chief of police and
assistants, to register all arrests
and requires that no prisoner
be discharged or disposed of in
any until they have a public hear-
ing. What is the objection to enforce-
ment of ordinance? How do members
of council explain their attitude
toward one of their own laws? Some-
times we presume that Mayor Dry

will look into the matter and find out
whether the ordinance of the city are
enforced by our paid officials or not.
While the enforcement of these ordi-
nances is being looked into, it would
not be out of the way to inquire as to
how many other ordinances are being
regularly and knowingly ignored by
officials who are paid to enforce them.
There must surely be some explana-
tion by members of the council who
vote against the enforcement of their
ordinances and we will gladly give
them all the space they want in the
Ledger for any statement regarding
the matter, if they care to make one.
The people of Mexico can't be expected
to obey the law if the majority of
the council favor its violation.

MISS GLADYS VAN NESS, one of
Mexico's most popular young ladies,
during this week will be society edi-
tress for the Mexico Ledger. Friends
will confer a favor on us by phoning
Miss Van Ness, No. 517, any society
news they may know of.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR PAINTER, in
writing friends regarding his candi-
dacy for Governor of Missouri says:

CITY CLERK'S RECORD
QUESTIONED.
THE Ledger on Tuesday published
a statement regarding the action of
the city council concerning the en-
forcement of an ordinance. It was
along the line of the city council pass-
ing an ordinance to enforce an ordi-
nance.
The city clerk's record was as fol-
lows:
"Mr. Ballew moved police regis-
tar be kept in the police court by city
marshal and other police officers and
charge be made by officer making ar-
rest and his name signed to charge
according to city ordinance. And no
prisoner be turned out before having
a hearing before the police judge ac-
cording to the city ordinance.
The motion was seconded by Mr.
Pratt. The motion lost."
After the Ledger appeared, some of
the councilmen contended that the
record was wrong. Mr. Ballew, who
made the motion, said the record
made by City Clerk Dearing, was ab-
solutely correct. The contention of
the councilmen who disagree with the
record is to the effect that two mo-
tions were made. The first motion
was as follows: "Mr. Ballew moved police
register be kept in the police court by
city marshal and other police of-
ficers and charge be made by officers
making arrest and his name signed to
charge according to city ordinance,"
which unanimously carried. They
contend then that a second motion
was made by Mr. Ballew, seconded by
Mr. Pratt, which was lost.
Now, of course we do not know any-
thing about the correctness of the
record, but whether there were two
motions or one motion surely the clerk
who made the record ought to know,
and Mr. Ballew, who made the motion
ought to know. At the same time,
the majority of the councilmen pre-
sent, who claim that the record was
wrong, ought to know. We are not
going to have any argument regard-
ing the record at all. Let it stand as
two motions and let the record show
that the first was carried. What
about voting down the second motion
made by Mr. Ballew, which was as
follows: "Mr. Ballew moved that
"no prisoner be turned out before
having a hearing before the police
judge according to the city ordinance.
The motion was seconded by Mr.
Pratt. The motion lost."
Our editorial was based on the last
paragraph any way. The ordinance
says according to the last motion
made by Mr. Ballew, which was voted
down, that "no prisoner should be
turned out before having a hearing
before the police judge." If that is
the ordinance, we ask again why any
councilman should vote against this
motion.

The Ledger, as a newspaper, is
simply trying to publish the news
just as it happened, without any per-
sonal animosity or personal feeling of
any kind. What we published yester-
day was the record made by the city
clerk at the city hall. What we pub-
lish today is what those who disagree
with our statement yesterday claim
should have been the record. We
don't claim that there is any attempt
to change the record as to what hap-
pened; but we want to insist that on
the record as "corrected" the majority
of the council still put themselves in
a position of voting against the en-
forcement of a city ordinance. If
they did not intend to do so, the pre-
sent record is wrong; and should be
again corrected.
As we stated yesterday, our col-
umns are open for any statement by
any official or any councilman regard-
ing this matter. We most assuredly
do not want to misrepresent anyone,
and are absolutely trying to confine
ourselves to the facts as shown by
the record.
Since writing the above article, we
are in receipt of the following state-
ment signed by four of the council-
men.
Col. R. M. White,
Mexico, Mo.
Dear Sir:-
Mexico, Mo., Dec. 29th, '15.-In
your paper of last evening you state
that the councilmen are not in favor
of enforcing the ordinance and that
they voted against enforcing them.
We see that you did not take time to
inquire into the matter before writing
the article you did and we wish to be
placed in the right light before the
people we represent. The matter of
enforcing the ordinance was brought
up by Mr. Ballew and every council-
man made the statement that he was
in favor of having the officers enforce
the ordinance and if they did not do
it to find out why. Mr. Ballew stated
that there was no record being kept
of the arrests made and that persons
arrested were being turned loose with-
out being brought before the Police
Judge for trial. Mr. Ballew made a
motion that the officers be instructed
to register the name of every person
arrested and to hold them until tried.
These councilmen then stated that it
seemed to be superfluous as they had
just declared themselves in favor of
the enforcement of all the ordinances
and instructions be given to register
all arrests and to follow the ordi-
nances to the letter. Now this is the
attitude that we have taken the mat-
ter and we feel that we have done
nothing wrong and have done nothing
that will cause the people to think we
are not in favor of law enforcement.

Yours truly,
E. L. Johnson,
J. A. Lewis,
R. N. Armstrong,
J. D. Pratt.

Later on asking Chief-of-Police
Wallace regarding his position con-
cerning the matter, he said that he
"is keeping a correct record of all ar-
rests and that any one who states

that he does not invariably comply
with the ordinance or that he dis-
poses of any prisoner without a pub-
lic hearing, tells what is untrue."
According to the card signed by
the four councilmen, Mr. Ballew said:
"There was no record being kept of
arrests made, and that persons ar-
rested were being turned loose with-
out being brought before the police
judge for trial." It seems to be a
case of veracity between Councilman
Ballew and Chief-of-Police Wallace.
As a matter of fact, this question
seems to have been discussed more
or less for the last month or so, and
the Ledger is simply trying to give
the facts in the case as they are of
record. Some one must be making
false statements that at least is evi-
dent.

THE WAR AND EQUAL
SUFFRAGE.
WE hear a good deal about the "no-
bility" of women, and resolutions are
continually passed complimenting the
"noble women" of the country, but
when it comes down to brass tacks
"nobility" seems to have nothing to
do with the qualifications for a voter.
Along this line of equal suffrage with
reference to war, the New York World
editorially says:
"Is it not more than possible that
the new democracy which it is sup-
posed will spring from the ruins of
the warring nations in Europe may
carry with it equal rights to women?"
"The label 'superfluous' applied in
the past by statisticians to women
not born independent, or unmarried,
will no longer hold. Far from being
superfluous, they are proving them-
selves of the most vital importance.
Wherever a man has been called to
the front a woman has stepped into
his former place, till today part of the
commercial business of England,
France and Germany is being oper-
ated by women. This, too, is not
restricted to clerical work, as she is
showing her efficiency in manual labor
as well. She is working side by side
with the men in the factories and at
the same wage."

"Hitherto the 'superfluous' woman
has been rather a pathetic figure in
the world. To her brother workers
she was something of a nuisance in
tending to a reduction of his wages."
"Today all this has changed. While
the men were away fighting woman
has won a bloodless victory. She is
in every sense of the word man's
equal and will remain so."
"When the war is over, with the
many men killed and the many more
maimed, competition in labor between
the sexes will cease. The problem
will be to find sufficient people to per-
form the necessary work, and it is to
woman the states will have to turn.
With affectionate solicitude she will
be importuned to aid in alleviating
the situation, and her equality will
be a fact as a co-worker. When this
happens supplantation will be a thing
of the past. Woman need not ask her
brother whether he will or will not
grant her suffrage, but can bluntly
demand it."

MISS MARIE ROSE, society edi-
tress of the Mexico Ledger, leaves
this week for a three months' visit in
San Antonio, Texas. Miss Rose writes
the very best society column we know
of in the state anywhere, and has
made many friends not only in Mex-
ico but everywhere the Ledger is cir-
culated and they all join the man-
agement of this paper in wishing her
a most delightful vacation. You know
"they all come back," and we believe
Miss Marie will not violate the slogan
of the Ledger along this line.

W. H. RITCHIE has sent \$1.00 to
the Good Fellow Fund to be spent by
the associated charities of Mexico.
This fund should be substantially in-
creased, as there is going to be con-
siderable suffering in Mexico this
winter.

R. A. MARKWELL, W. M.
Mexico Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 544
Elect Officers Tuesday.

The Mexico Lodge A. F. & A. M. No.
544 elected R. A. Markwell, Wor-
shipping Master at the meeting Tues-
day night. The other officers elected
were: Dr. R. C. Strode, Senior War-
den; J. W. Buffington, Junior War-
den; J. B. Graham, Secretary; and T.
H. Marshall, Treasurer.

After the election of officers A. S.
Houston made a splendid address on
the Masonic fraternalism. All the
appointive officers will be filled after
the first of January.

McKINLEY BRENTON SHOT.
Shot Accidentally Wednesday Morning
While Hunting Near Littlefield.

McKinley Brenton, 12 years old,
of Littlefield, was shot through the right
wrist when a shot gun he was using
accidentally went off Wednesday
morning. It is feared that his hand
will have to be amputated.

He had gone rabbit hunting and the
accident occurred through carelessness
in handling the gun. He is the
youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Brenton of Littlefield.

Ira Milligan Injured.
Ira Milligan fell on the porch at
his home early this morning, and
broke one rib and injured two or three
more on the right side. While very
painful, no serious results are ap-
prehended, but Mr. Milligan will be con-
fined to the house a few days.

J. M. Boyd, of Auxvasse, was in
Mexico Thursday on business.

Phillips Clothes & Shoes

Mexico, Mo.

BIG

Annual 20 % Discount Sale

on every article in our store, except Stetson Hats,
Starts Saturday, January 1st, 1916
and will continue for 2 weeks, only.

Every wearer of clothes, be it man, woman or child, should find much
cheer in this big annual "clothes-fest" and money-saving-sale, which
has grown to be an event, that the knowing ones have learned to look
forward to.

The values of our standard merchandise are so dollar for
dollar every day of the year, that at this extraordinary
value giving time, everybody should be interested.

Come Early & Bring the Whole Family, Then Come Again

HERE'S YOUR CUT PRICES:

Men's Suits and O'Coats \$10.00 qualities less 20 % \$8.00 12.50 qualities less 20 % \$10.00 15.00 qualities less 20 % \$12.00 18.00 qualities less 20 % \$14.40 20.00 qualities less 20 % \$16.00 22.50 Hart-Schaffner less 20 % \$18.00 25.00 Hart-Schaffner less 20 % \$20.00 27.50 Hart-Schaffner less 20 % \$22.00	Shoes \$1.50 work shoes less 20 % \$1.20 2.00 work shoes less 20 % \$1.60 2.50 work shoes less 20 % \$2.00 3.00 work shoes less 20 % \$2.40 3.50 Walk-Overs less 20 % \$2.80 4.00 Walk-Overs less 20 % \$3.20 3.50 Walk-Overs less 20 % \$2.80 5.00 Walk-Overs less 20 % \$4.00	Work Garments \$1.10 Carhartt overalls 88c 1.10 Carhartt jackets 88c 2.50 Fish Brand Silekers \$2.00 50c overalls 40c 75c overalls 60c 1.00 Khaki pants 80c 1.50 Whipcord pants \$1.20 2.50 Whipcord pants \$2.00 2.50 Corduroy pants \$2.00 3.00 Corduroy pants \$2.40 50c Chambray shirts 40c 1.50 Duck coats \$1.20 2.50 Duck coats \$2.00 4.00 Corduroy coats \$3.20 5.00 pelt lined coats \$4.00 50c shirts and drawers 40c 1.00 shirts and drawers 80c 1.50 shirts and drawers \$1.20 1.00 union suits 80c 1.50 union suits \$1.20 2.00 union suits \$1.60 2.50 union suits \$2.00 3.00 union suits \$2.40 4.00 union suits \$3.20
Mackinaws \$ 5.00 qualities less 20 % \$4.00 6.00 qualities less 20 % \$4.80 8.50 qualities less 20 % \$6.80 10.00 qualities less 20 % \$8.00 12.50 qualities less 20 % \$10.00	Sweaters 50c sweaters less 20 % 40c \$1.00 sweaters less 20 % 80c 1.50 sweaters less 20 % \$1.20 2.00 sweaters less 20 % \$1.60 2.50 sweaters less 20 % \$2.00 3.50 sweaters less 20 % \$2.80 5.00 sweaters less 20 % \$4.00 50c qualities less 20 % 40c	Hats and Caps \$1.00 qualities less 20 % 80c 1.50 qualities less 20 % \$1.20 2.00 qualities less 20 % \$1.60 2.50 qualities less 20 % \$2.00 3.50 qualities less 20 % \$2.80 4.00 qualities less 20 % \$3.20
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One price ticket remains, figure your own discount

**HUNTERS HAVE BUT
TWO MORE DAYS**

Quail go Under the Ban From Hunt-
ers on New Years Day-Squirrels
and Deer Also Captained.

RABBIT SEASON IS EXTENDED

This Leaves Season for Fur Bearing
Animals, Such as Fox, Skunks
Etc., Open.

The season for killing deer, wild
turkey, quail and squirrels closes on
December 31st. This leaves open the
reason for killing fur bearing animals,
such as foxes, skunks, opossums and
raccoons and the season for geese and
ducks.
The rabbit season never closes but
hunters are required to have licenses to
hunt the same as for other game.
The laws say no person shall hunt
except he has a license and does not
specify the kind of game he shall
hunt.

The fur bearing season closes on
January 31st. The season for killing
geese and ducks continues open until
April 30th under the state law. The
federal law seeks to close that season
in Missouri on January 31st. Its con-
stitutionality is being tested in the
supreme court of the United States
on appeal from the Federal district
court of Arkansas which had the law
to be unconstitutional and invalid. It
was argued last October but no de-
cision has been announced. A decision
may be expected early in January.
Many hunters wait until late in the
year before taking out their licenses
and then complain that they do not
get to hunt on them for a whole year.
Hunters should take out their licenses
in January when they can hunt the
entire year for all game in season.

MOCO HEALTH FLOUR-Is made
from the whole wheat and is recom-
mended as the most healthful flour
from which bread can be made. Try
one sack and you will be more than
pleased. For sale by all grocers.
d1w1 Wm. Pollock Mill & Elev Co.

Safety First Campaign.
W. N. Jones, of Mexico, claim agent
for the Chicago and Alton Railway
Co., is starting a campaign of "safety
first," and is placing stickers con-
taining the following statements:
"Keep off the track." Keep your
family, friends, and employees off
the deadly railway track." These
stickers are being posted all through
the country on stations, and in other
places. Mr. Jones is also going to
visit the schools, delivering little lec-
tures and giving small stickers to all
the children. Many serious accidents
can be prevented by observing the
"safety first" rule.

At 55 Kansans Learning to Smoke.
Atchison, Kan., Dec. 29.-James
M. Chisham, fifty-five, is trying the
same remedy for nervousness to which
many attributed their possession of
the affliction. He is learning to
smoke.
"I am making better headway than
most of those are trying to break
with the habit," Chisham says. "I
can smoke one cigar a day by taking
two shots at it."

Wilkins and Brown Re-Open in a Month
Wilkins and Brown's stock of goods
damaged in the fire, has been shipped
to Chicago and the building is being
refitted and refurbished in modern
style, and will be open in about a
month. Wilkins and Brown are ar-
ranging to go to the market immedi-
ately, and buy one of the largest
stocks of new, up-to-date goods ever
handled in a country town. They ex-
pect to be open for business in thirty
days.

READ LEDGER WANT ADS

ANNOUNCEMENT

From
Wilkins & Brown

We wish to thank our many friends for their liberal patronage of the
past. Also for the kind words of sympathy and encouragement relative
to the loss of our store by fire on Dec. 22. We have settled with the in-
surance companies. Our entire former stock will be shipped at once
to Chicago.

In about four weeks we will open at our old stand the most modern shoe
store in this section of the state. Every pair will be new and of the
latest style of fine foot-wear.

Wait for the newest patterns in shoes, and watch for the date of our
opening.

Wilkins & Brown

The Shoe Men

STONE APPEARS IN "PLUG" HAT
Missourian in Social Limelight During
Visit of Pan-American Delegates.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.-Sen-
ator Stone of Missouri-unlike Sen-
ator Sherman of Illinois-does not
shy at a "two-gallon" hat. This
was demonstrated Tuesday when the Mis-
sourian appeared in a smart new silk
tulle at the reception tendered visiting
Pan-American delegates by Secretary
of State Lansing.

As chairman of the Committee on
Foreign Relations, the most coveted
of all senatorial honors, Senator
Stone has been forced into the social
limelight this week, and is likely to
remain there during the 13 days the
distinguished representatives of
neighboring Republic are guests of
the nation.

Monday night at a brilliant gather-
ing in the magnificent ballroom of
the Bureau of American Republics,
the Senator and his daughter, Miss Mabel
Stone, were in the receiving line with
members and ladies of the President's
Cabinet.

If the Senator wore his "plug" hat
to that affair, it was not noticed in
the veritable sea of similar chapans.
Tuesday afternoon, however, even
though friendly clouds prevented the
sun from adding brilliance to the cer-
emony, the Senator's silver-crowned
head, the new adornment did not escape
attention.

It is not recalled here that the sen-
ior Missourian ever before ventured
out in a high lid, but truth demands
the frank admission that the inno-
vation would have pleased the eye of
his most critical constituent.

FEED-FEED!-On Meal, Alfalfa,
Fat, Arab Horse Feed, Cotton Seed
Meal and Cake, Tankage, Oyster Shell,
Beef Scraps-in fact anything you
want for sale by
d1w1 Wm. Pollock Mill & Elev Co.

Mrs. Henry White Dead.
Montgomery City, Mo., Dec. 29.-
Mrs. Henry W. White is dead, at the
age of 80 years. She leaves a hus-
band and one brother, Dick Covington,
who is 89 years old.